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Collections Sunday, May 7

Tithes/Plate: \$982.00

ACH's: \$1,135.00

Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 14

55: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Jim Brommel

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Monday, May 15

291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 16

292: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8, Jn 16:5-11

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary & 6:00 PM Mass at Immaculate
Conception

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, May 17

293: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14
Jn 16:12-15

8:00 am Mass – Adoration after Mass until 9:00 am at
St Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

Thursday, May 18

294: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

8:00 am Mass - Adoration after Mass until 9:00am at
St. Augustine, Milo

Friday, May 19

295: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 20

296: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28
5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

Sunday, May 21

59: Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16
Jn 17:1-11a

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: John Brommel

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



May 14, 2023

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

101 Saint James St., PO Box 88, Saint Marys, IA 502411

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Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM & Tuesday 6:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday 7:30 AM

Rosary: Tuesday 5:30 PM

Adoration: Tuesday 5:00 PM, followed by a 6:00 PM Mass

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WEEKEND HOMILIES

Jesus reminds his followers of his call to follow his commandment of love: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (Jn 14:15). Love is at the heart of every relationship, especially our relationship with God and with our neighbor. We share in the very life of God, a life of love: “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father” (14:21).

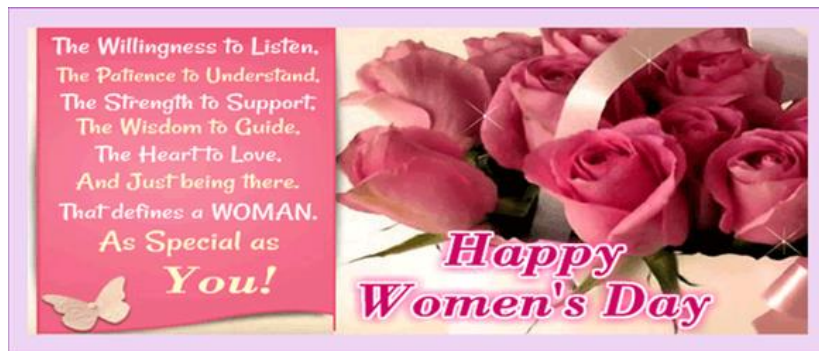
In the reading from Acts, the life of the early Church flourishes through the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing that the Word of God had been preached to the Samaritans, the apostles send Peter and John to empower them with the gift of the Holy Spirit as “they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (acts 8:16). As Jesus came “to baptize with the Holy Spirit” (Jn 1:33), the apostles confer the gift of the Holy Spirit by “[laying] hands on them” (acts 8:17). Here the foundation for the sacraments of baptism and confirmation is expressed clearly.

Christ promises to send the Holy Spirit, who will be for each of us, the Spirit of truth, who will urge us from within to follow the way of truth. If we are open to the guidance of the Spirit, our choices will be Christ’s own. We can determine if we are following the guidance of the Spirit by looking at our lives. The Spirit calls us to the Church. If a choice we make, a way of life we build for ourselves, leads us further away from communion, leads us to be influenced by and interact with fewer and fewer of God’s people in worship, in learning, and in the sacraments, then it is a bad choice and we are blocking out the movement of the Spirit.

The Spirit urges us to a wholeness, an integrity, and the real satisfaction that such brings with it. If we are deaf to the call of the Spirit, then something in us hurts. If our lives are marked consistently by a dissatisfaction, a sense that something is wrong, or an emptiness, that is a sign we may be missing the direction in which the Spirit is trying to lead us. It is true that the life of grace may not always be easy, comfortable, or pleasant. But followed honestly and persistently, it will feel right.

Jesus makes it clear that those who love him will live as he commands. In doing so, we may be assured of his promised presence and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the certainty of the Father’s love for all who love the Lord and live his ways.

Excerpts taken from *2023 Sourcebook* and *Seasons in the Word*



We are thankful for the mothers of our parish on this Mother’s Day weekend. With much gratitude for all the love and for all the gifts of life they have bestowed on their families over the years, we pray that they will forever receive divine blessings.

Reminder, we will have coffee, drinks, and donuts following mass this morning to celebrate Mother’s Day.

Special Collection Today | Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities serve SW Iowa communities by providing food, shelter, empowerment programs, professional counseling services, educational programs and more. These services are built on the basis of Catholic Social Teaching, which is focused on social justice, dignity, and respect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We would like to help celebrate our parishioners’ birthdays and anniversaries! You can help us by filling out your name and special date on the provided sheet in the back of the church.

ICC Pastoral Council Meeting | May 16th | after 6 PM Mass

DMD Business Officers Forum Meeting | May 25th | 9 AM – 12 PM | Pastoral Center, Des Moines

New Virginia Methodist Memorial Day Picnic | May 29th | Serving 11 AM – 1 PM

DMD Priests' Annual Retreat | June 4th – 8th | Conception Abbey, Missouri

Father’s Day | June 18th

Marriage Ceremony for Bill Yount and Annette Smith | June 23rd @ 3 PM | St. Marys

Annual Spiritans' Retreat | June 12th – 16th | Passionist Retreat Center

DMD Priestly Ordination | June 23rd | 5 PM | St. Ambrose Cathedral, Des Moines

Mission Co-Operative Appeal | July 1st & 2nd | St. Marys, Milo, and Lacona during our regularly scheduled weekend Masses

Chicken Dinner | August 6th | 12:30 – 5:30 PM at St. Marys

Mass on Saturday, August 5th @ 4:00 PM

Please, keep them in your prayers:

Jolene Schwery, Kim Kubik, AJ, Sean, & Jason Wiegert, Cindy Robison, Joyce Smith, Herb Moore, Doug Hollands, Charlotte Banks, Doug George, Mike Hraha, Brian Lippold, Mary Long, Chase Sanders, Jim Kahler, Ellen Pontolilo, Phil Finck, and Janice Gavin

Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 26 families who have already given or pledged \$11,285 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$14,723 dollars away from our parish goal of \$26,008. Your help is needed. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Catholic Church in Southwest Iowa by pledging to the Appeal. A gift in any amount will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Your contribution card can be placed in the collection basket, brought or mailed to the parish office, or mailed directly to the Diocese. Or you can give directly online at dmdioocese.org/giving. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

May 14: No Money Counters, Mother’s Day

May 21: Kayla Keller (take to the night drop box) and Brenda Freeman

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 21

Lector: David Psotka

Gifts: Brown Family

Euch. Min: Krisha Schauf, Erin Van Waus, Pat Van Dyke

Ushers: Brock & Garrett Thompson

Servers: Haven Cassidy, Camille Edwards, Brantley Brown

Band of the Month: Larry and Becky Bertrand

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT YEAR ROUND

LACONA: Weekly, after 8:00 AM

Mass until 9:00 AM

MILO: Weekly, after 8:00 AM

Mass until 9:00 AM

ST. MARYS: Tuesdays @ 5:00 PM

followed by 6:00 PM Mass